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Welcome to the December 2018 edition of “*Around the Courts*”

Message from the Vice President



Matthew Noone (Eddy is holidaying in Britain)

Christmas again? Already??

Yes, that's right! The cicadas are roaring, the frogs are croaking and the mozzies are biting! Summer is here, but tennis is still happening at Asquith and Berowra.

2018 has been a very successful year for HKDTA:

- Membership numbers remain strong
- Lots of people are playing tennis on our courts
- Competitions and tournaments are attracting players from 7 to 77
- The club is financially secure

Xmas Opening Hours

Asquith

Open normal hours to 23 December

24 December - closing at 2pm

25 December to 27 December closed

Reopening 2pm Friday 28 December

Open every day 8:00 - 22:00 from Saturday 29 December

Berowra

Closed Christmas Day only

Bookings via Mills Park Centre or online via website

<http://hkdt.tennisbcs.com.au/applns/bookings/bookdisp2.aspx>

New Year's Day Social Tennis - Asquith

Tuesday 2pm - 6pm

1 January

Summer Social - Asquith

7:30 - 10:30 Monday - Thursday nights

From 2 to 24 January

\$13 each for members (\$15 non-members)

New balls

Come along when it suits you and enjoy graded social tennis.

Bring your friends!

Competitions

Our competitions are taking a break over the next few weeks and will resume at the end of January, but our courts are open for you to play almost every day.

Club Championships

Keep an eye out on our website for the remaining finals in the club championships which will be played during January - you can watch very high quality tennis.

Sydney Tennis International 6-12 January

This year's Sydney Tennis International has the best players for many years, with most of the top 10 women playing at Olympic Park. Tickets for day sessions are ridiculously cheap with your kids free. It's great fun and we should all support this event to keep the best players returning to Sydney in the lead up to the Australian Open.

<https://www.sydneyinternational.com.au/>

Want to live 10 years longer? Play Tennis!

Did you read the recent news articles on a research report that found that tennis players live 10 years longer than non-active people?

<https://www.dailymail.co.uk/health/article-6134379/Want-live-longer-Scientists-say-tennis-add-nearly-10-YEARS-life.html>



(Some regulars at the Saturday arvo social tennis on courts 7&8 at Asquith)

Thanks for making HKDTA fabulous in 2018

This club is all about people - you! I would like to thank everyone who volunteered their time at HKDTA during 2018: team captains who organise their players, members who gave their time to maintain and tidy our centres at Asquith and Berowra, and those of you who helped to organise the junior tournaments and other events over the year. It is also important to recognise the efforts of our HKDTA committee members who give their time to improve our club. Special thanks also goes to our Head Coach Steve, with his team of Shane, Scott, Keith, Alan, Trevor and Gilly. Lastly, I want to express my gratitude towards our centre operators Marc, Mai and Trevor in addition to Beate, our office manager, for everything they do to make this a wonderful place to play tennis.

**All the best for Christmas and the New Year from your
HKDTA Committee!**

